

Special Issue

Comparative Thinking on Islam in a Global Age

Message from the Guest Editors

The world is marked by intense globalization, transforming how religion is understood and practiced. Islam is not immune. It moves within global flows of ideas, people, capital, and technology (Khamis 2024), generating new forms of thought and practice, and sparking debates on authenticity, identity, and adaptation. Mechanisms of reinterpretation of classical theological and legal concepts are activated. This Special Issue explores Islam in globalization (Meuleman 2002), using a comparative approach to capture both universal tendencies and local articulations. We highlight challenges and opportunities in Islam's diversity today. Contributions may examine shifts in theology and law (Barbato 2020; Kulska & Solarz 2021), diasporic practices (Ali 2021; Harb 2016), and interreligious dialogue in diplomacy (Piwko & Sawicka 2024, 2025). We invite studies on "global Islam" (Green 2024; Mandaville 2020) as a network of diverse interpretations. We welcome comparative, interdisciplinary work using empirical methods, engaging Muslim voices, and avoiding Orientalist stereotypes. We especially encourage work on how digital media reshape authority and community.

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